

Serial No. 10/567,114
Response to Office Action dated September 23, 2008

Docket No. 4874-7000

REMARKS

Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2008. Entry and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

A. Status of Claims

Claims 43-70 are pending and have been subject to restriction.

Upon entry of this response, Claims 1-70 will be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 71-81 will be added as new, and Claims 71-81 will be pending. No new matter has been added.

B. Response to Restriction Requirement

Claims 43-70 have been subject to a restriction requirement. The Office has required Applicants to elect from Groups I-XIV, and also to elect a species.

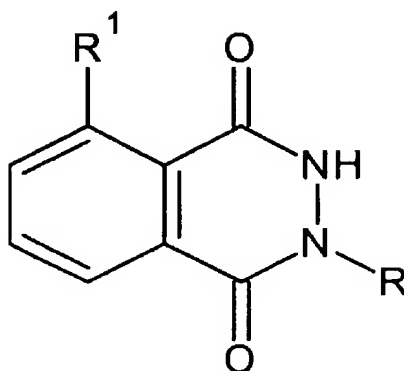
As stated above, Applicants have cancelled Claims 43-70 without prejudice or disclaimer and have added new Claims 71-81.

In the restriction requirement, the Office indicated Group IX as being drawn to a method comprising benzo[d]pyridazine. (Office Action, page 10). Applicants elect a method comprising benzo[d]pyridazine as described in Group IX, and specifically elect a derivative of benzo[d]-3H-pyridazine-1,4-dione having a general formula:

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This elected compound is readable on Claim 76.

Further, Applicants have been required to elect a species. Applicants elect sodium salt of 5-amino-benzo[d]-3H-pyridazine-1,4-dione, which is readable on Claim 77.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request entry of this response and allowance of the claims.

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-4827, Order No. 4874-7000.

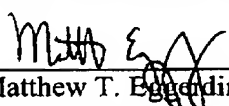
In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No 50-4827, Order No. 4874-7000.

Respectfully submitted,

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